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20. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein the hydrophilicity of layer (ii) is at least twice that of layer (i).

21. A dressing as claimed in claim 20 wherein the hydrophilicity of layer (ii) is 3 to 5 times that of layer (i).

Sub 22. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (i) has a thickness of 50 to 1,000 microns.

23. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (i) is one which provides for clotting via agglutination of red cells.

Sub 24. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein the layer (i) is one which is capable of debriding the wound.

25. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (i) delivers a component to the wound.

26. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (i) comprises calcium alginate, zinc alginate, silver alginate, chitosan, pectin, silver N,O-carboxymethyl chitosan, silver O-carboxymethyl chitosan or a dehydrated hydrogel.

27. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (ii) is a woven, non-woven or knitted fibrous material.

Sub 28. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (ii) has a thickness of 1,000 to 5,000 microns.

29. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein layer (ii) is a felt comprised of sodium alginate/calcium alginate, sodium calcium carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium zinc carboxymethyl cellulose, sodium calcium polyacrylate or sodium calcium cargeenin.

30. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of moisture vapour alone of 2,000 to 2,500 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.

31. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein the film has an MVTR in the presence of liquid water of 6,000 to 30,000 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.

32. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein the film has a thickness of 30-70 microns.

33. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein the film is of a polyurethane.

34. A dressing as claimed in claim 19 wherein an adhesive is provided on the film for bonding the latter to skin around the wound.

35. A dressing as claimed in claim 34 wherein the adhesive is a hydroactive adhesive.

36. A dressing as claimed in claim 35 wherein the adhesive is one which, as a continuous layer having a thickness of 20 microns, has an MVTR of 15,000 g m⁻² 24hr⁻¹.